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West Virginia
Economic Summary

A Monthly Newsletter on Economic Activity in West Virginia July 1990

EMPLOYMENT: Total employment in West Virginia decreased 100 during the month to an estimated 681,000 in mid-July. A comparison with year-ago figures shows that there were 6,600 more people employed in West Virginia this July than in July of last year.

Total nonagricultural payroll increased 1,500 from June to July, led by state government's boost of 9,200 from the Governor's Summer Youth Program. Employment in the goods producing sector fell by 800 as manufacturing declined 700 due to layoffs in primary metals and fabricated metal products. Construction employment edged down 100 seasonally. Among the service producing industries, employment rose 2,300. Trade added 500 while both transportation and utilities and the finance, insurance and real estate group experienced minimal losses of 100 each. Services fell 300 due to employment reductions in educational services as private schools lost student workers for the summer months. Total government gained 2,300 as state government added 9,200 for the Governor's Summer Youth Program, offsetting the phase-out of 1,300 Census workers in federal government and a seasonal drop of 5,600 in local schools.

Nonagricultural payroll employment is 26,300 ahead of last July. However, some 17,200 of this increase is due to the labor dispute in the coal industry which was in effect last July.

UNEMPLOYMENT: The number of unemployed West Virginians declined 400 to an estimated 41,600 in mid-July. The unemployment rate for July is 5.8 percent. This is the lowest July unemployment rate since 1978.

New Publications

Two new publications are available from Labor and Economic Research. "Employment and Wages for Calendar Year 1989" is a standard reference which details covered employment and wages for the State, counties and industry sectors. The new "Industrial-Occupational Wage Survey - 1989" presents state and regional occupational wages for selected industries. Contact Labor and Economic Research. There is no charge for publications.

West Virginia Economic Indicators

	July 1990	June 1990	July 1989
Average Weekly Hours in Manufacturing			
Unadjusted	40.4	41.1	39.7
Seasonally Adjusted	40.8	41.0	40.1
Total Production Worker Hours in Manufacturing (000), Weekly, Unadjusted	2,709	2,777	2,681
Average Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing, Unadjusted	$472.28	$469.36	$447.82
Average Weekly Hours in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	42.8	45.0	28.6
Average Weekly Earnings in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	$781.10	$805.50	$477.62
Coal Production (000 Tons)			
Unadjusted	12,571	13,278	8,885
Seasonally Adjusted	15,777	13,165	11,151
Commercial and Industrial Electric Power Sales (000,000 KWH)			
Unadjusted	1,117	1,120	989
Seasonally Adjusted	1,154	1,138	1,022
New Motor Vehicle Registrations, Unadjusted	9,030	5,882	6,800
Interstate Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	903	744	873
Seasonally Adjusted	853	997	824
Average Weekly Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	1,694	1,351	2,370
Seasonally Adjusted	1,513	2,104	2,117
Insured Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	2.5	2.2	3.3
Seasonally Adjusted	2.8	2.6	3.7
Total Unemployment Rate, Seasonally Adjusted (WV Series)	6.0	6.1	6.8

NOTE: Data for prior month and year may be revised from previously published figures.

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Selected National Data

	July 1990	June 1990	July 1989
Civilian Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	5.5	5.3	5.3
Seasonally Adjusted	5.5	5.2	5.2
Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers			
Unadjusted			
1982-84 Base	130.4	129.9	124.4
1967 Base	390.7	389.1	372.7
Producer Price Index, Finished Goods			
Unadjusted, 1982 Base	118.0	117.9	114.1
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance (000)			
Week including 12th, Unadjusted	432.7	307.6	423.8
Insured Unemployment Rate, Week including 12th			
Unadjusted	2.3	2.1	2.1
Seasonally Adjusted	2.4	2.3	2.2

Trends in the West Virginia Labor Market

Goods Producing Employment

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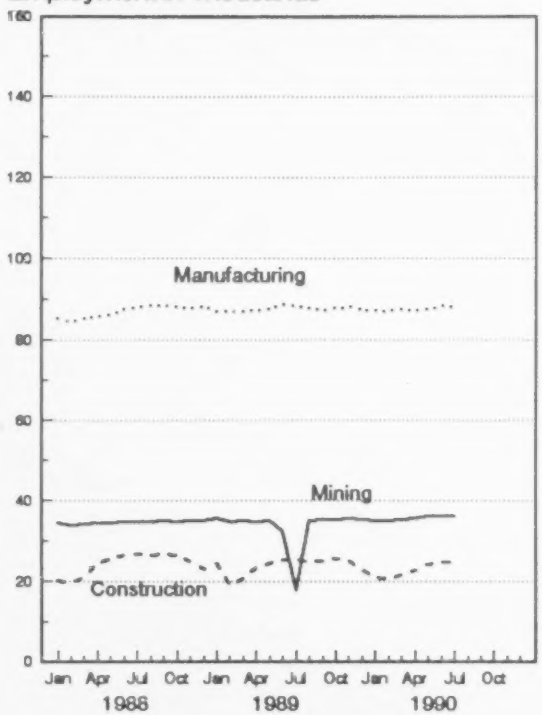

Service Producing Employment

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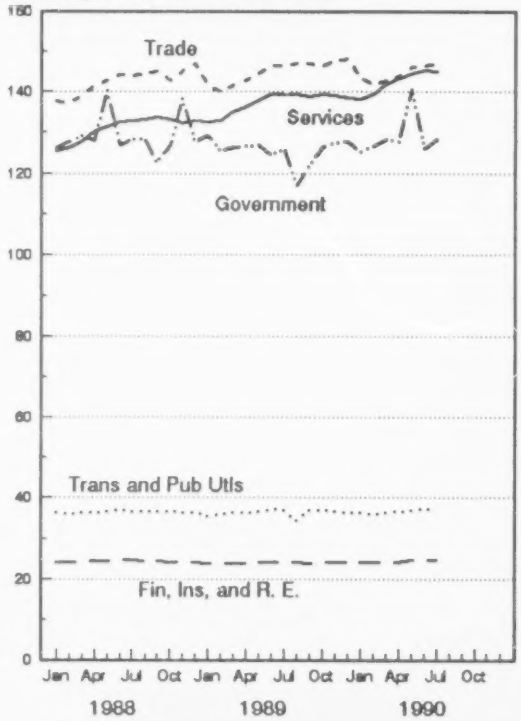

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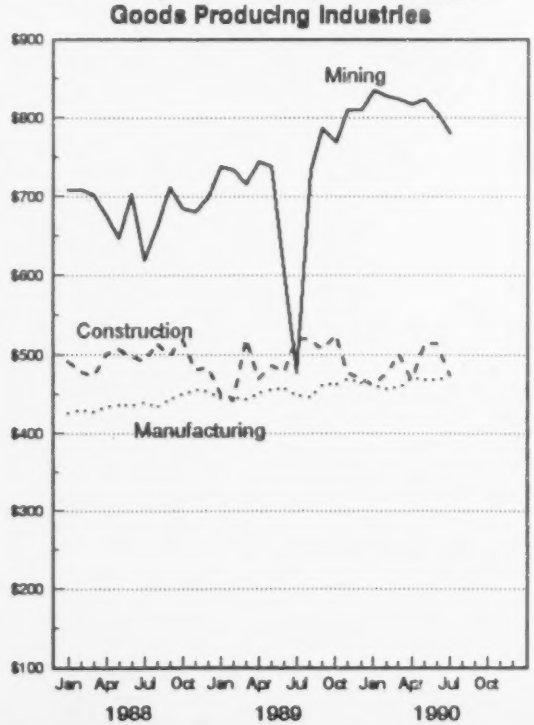

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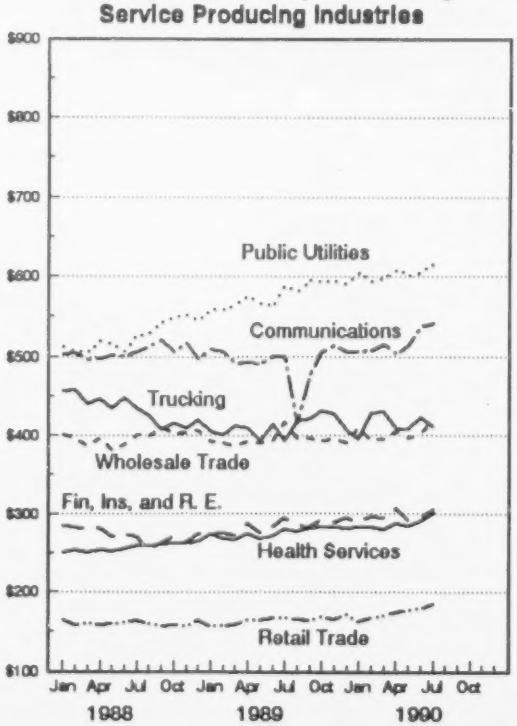
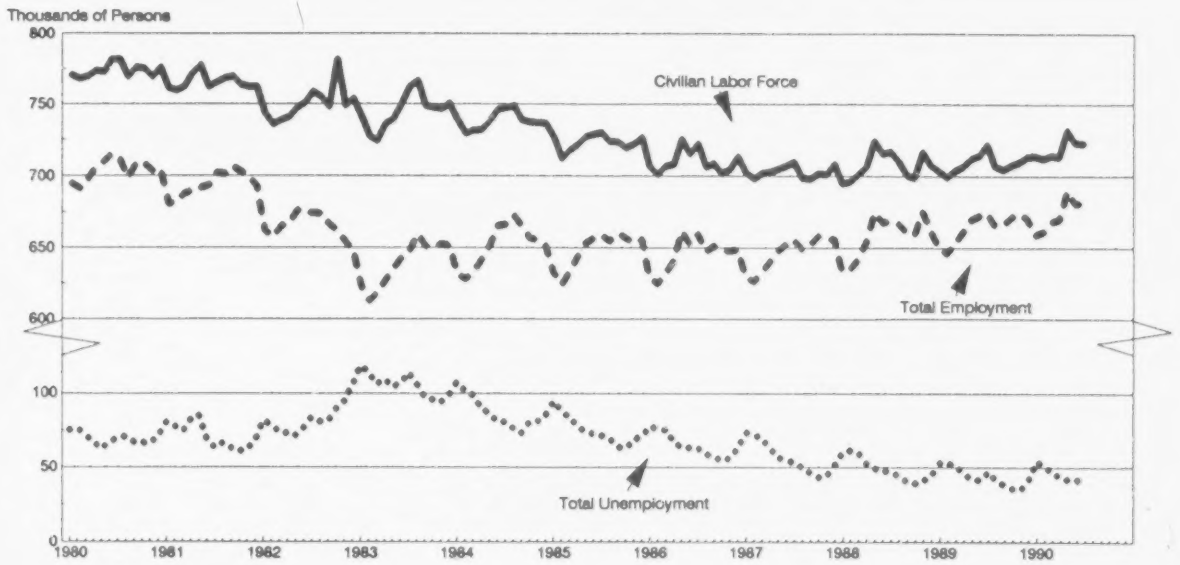


Total Employment, Unemployment, and Civilian Labor Force In West Virginia



WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Jul.'90	Revised Jun.'90	Revised Jul.'89	Change From: Jun. 1990	Change From: Jul. 1989
Civilian Labor Force	722.6	723.1	721.6	-0.5	1.0
Total Employment	681.0	681.1	674.4	-0.1	6.6
Total Unemployment	41.6	42.0	47.2	-0.4	-5.6
Unemployment Rate	5.8	5.8	6.5	xx	xx

BLS Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Civilian Labor Force	780.8	777.8	778.9	3.0	1.9
Total Employment	724.9	725.9	720.3	-1.0	4.6
Total Unemployment	55.9	52.0	58.6	3.9	-2.7
Unemployment Rate	7.2	6.7	7.5	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings, West Virginia Production Workers, Select Industries

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Jul.'90	Revised Jun.'90	Revised Jul.'89	Prelim. Jul.'90	Revised Jun.'90	Revised Jul.'89	Prelim. Jul.'90	Revised Jun.'90	Revised Jul.'89
Manufacturing	$472.28	$469.36	$447.82	40.4	41.1	39.7	$11.69	$11.42	$11.28
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	448.47	457.73	417.49	38.2	40.4	38.6	11.74	11.33	10.76
Primary Metals Industries	649.00	618.36	584.16	43.0	43.0	42.3	15.00	14.38	13.81
Fabricated Metal Products	398.92	463.14	382.28	36.2	41.5	36.9	11.02	11.16	10.36
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	470.40	462.11	451.57	40.0	39.7	36.3	11.76	11.64	12.44
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	504.71	515.02	416.50	42.2	41.5	35.8	11.96	12.41	11.69
Chemical & Allied Products	682.00	678.40	674.49	44.0	44.0	43.6	15.50	15.35	15.47
Coal Mining	781.10	805.50	677.62	42.8	45.0	38.6	18.25	17.90	16.70
Construction	475.05	514.17	521.80	36.8	39.1	39.5	12.91	13.15	13.21

Statewide Nonagricultural Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands – Not Seasonally Adjusted)

July 1990

	Prelim. Jul.'90	Revised Jun.'90	Revised Jul.'89	Change From: Jun. 1990	Jul. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	631.2	629.7	604.9	1.5	26.3
GOODS PRODUCING	148.6	149.4	131.4	-0.8	17.2
Mining	36.2	36.2	17.9	0.0	18.3
Coal Mining	30.7	30.7	12.2	0.0	18.5
Oil & Gas Extraction	4.4	4.4	4.6	0.0	-0.2
Other Mining	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Construction	24.6	24.7	25.3	-0.1	-0.7
General Building Contractors	6.1	6.2	6.8	-0.1	-0.7
Heavy Construction	6.6	6.5	6.1	0.1	0.5
Special Trade Contractors	11.9	12.0	12.4	-0.1	-0.5
Manufacturing	87.8	88.5	88.2	-0.7	-0.4
Durable Goods	49.2	49.7	50.1	-0.5	-0.9
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	7.7	7.7	7.6	0.0	0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	8.2	8.2	8.1	0.0	0.1
Primary Metals Industries	14.7	14.9	15.0	-0.2	-0.3
Fabricated Metal Products	5.2	5.4	5.6	-0.2	-0.4
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	5.7	5.8	5.9	-0.1	-0.2
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	2.7	2.6	2.6	0.1	0.1
Transportation Equipment	2.5	2.6	2.7	-0.1	-0.2
Other Durable Goods	2.5	2.5	2.6	0.0	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	38.6	38.8	38.1	-0.2	0.5
Food & Kindred Products	4.6	4.5	4.1	0.1	0.5
Textile Mill Products	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.1	0.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	4.0	4.1	4.4	-0.1	-0.4
Paper & Allied Products	1.0	1.1	1.2	-0.1	-0.2
Printing & Publishing	5.1	5.2	5.0	-0.1	0.1
Chemical & Allied Products	18.4	18.4	18.0	0.0	0.4
Other Nondurable Goods	4.6	4.7	4.5	-0.1	0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	482.6	480.3	473.5	2.3	9.1
Transportation & Public Utilities	37.2	37.3	36.9	-0.1	0.3
Railroad Transportation	4.0	4.0	4.0	0.0	0.0
Trucking & Warehousing	9.0	9.1	8.9	-0.1	0.1
Other Transportation	3.5	3.5	3.4	0.0	0.1
Communications	8.1	8.1	8.1	0.0	0.0
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	12.6	12.6	12.5	0.0	0.1
Trade	147.1	146.6	146.7	0.5	0.4
Wholesale Trade	30.3	30.2	30.6	0.1	-0.3
Retail Trade	116.8	116.4	116.1	0.4	0.7
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	5.5	5.5	5.3	0.0	0.2
General Merchandise Stores	15.6	15.7	17.3	-0.1	-1.7
Food Stores	22.7	22.7	23.0	0.0	-0.3
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	14.8	14.7	14.9	0.1	-0.1
Apparel & Accessory Stores	6.7	6.5	5.3	0.2	1.4
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	4.7	4.7	4.6	0.0	0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	36.0	35.9	34.8	0.1	1.2
Miscellaneous Retail	10.8	10.7	10.9	0.1	-0.1
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	24.6	24.7	24.2	-0.1	0.4
Finance	13.9	13.9	13.8	0.0	0.1
Insurance	6.5	6.6	6.3	-0.1	0.2
Real Estate	4.2	4.2	4.1	0.0	0.1
Services	145.3	145.6	139.6	-0.3	5.7
Agricultural Services	2.8	2.7	2.3	0.1	0.5
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	9.1	9.2	8.6	-0.1	0.5
Personal Services	5.9	6.0	6.2	-0.1	-0.3
Business Services	13.7	13.6	13.2	0.1	0.5
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.1	6.0	5.7	0.1	0.4
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	6.8	6.9	7.0	-0.1	-0.2
Health Services	55.7	55.5	53.3	0.2	2.4
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	10.3	10.2	9.6	0.1	0.7
Hospitals	28.3	28.3	27.3	0.0	1.0
Other Health Services	17.1	17.0	16.4	0.1	0.7
Legal Services	4.0	4.0	3.8	0.0	0.2
Educational Services	4.1	4.6	3.9	-0.5	0.2
Social Services	8.7	8.7	7.8	0.0	0.9
Membership Organizations	19.7	19.7	19.6	0.0	0.1
Engineering & Management Services	7.7	7.7	7.1	0.0	0.6
Government	128.4	126.1	126.1	2.3	2.3
Federal	17.3	18.6	16.8	-1.3	0.5
Hospitals	2.9	2.9	3.0	0.0	-0.1
U S Postal Service	5.0	5.0	5.2	0.0	-0.2
Other Federal	9.4	10.7	8.6	-1.3	0.8
State	44.3	35.1	42.9	9.2	1.4
Hospitals	2.9	2.9	3.1	0.0	-0.2
Education	12.8	13.1	11.5	-0.3	1.3
Other State	28.6	19.1	28.3	9.5	0.3
Local	66.8	72.4	66.4	-5.6	0.4
Hospitals	4.9	4.9	4.9	0.0	0.0
Education	41.0	46.9	40.1	-5.9	0.9
Other Local	20.9	20.6	21.4	0.3	-0.5
Total Private Sector	502.8	503.6	478.8	-0.8	24.0
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.3	0.3	17.2	xx	xx

Women Workers
Statewide Nonagricultural Payroll Employment by Industry

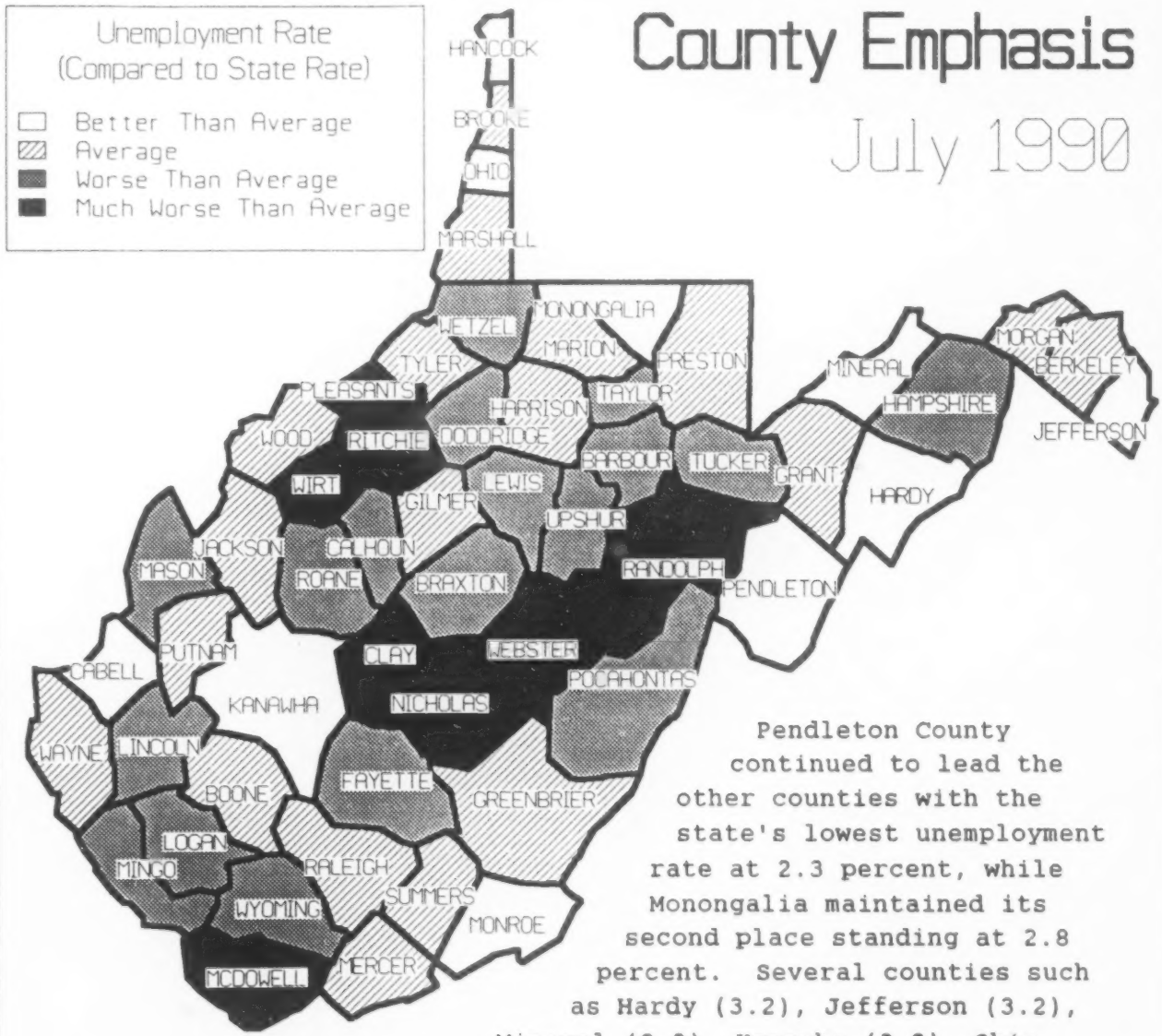
(In Thousands – Not Seasonally Adjusted)

July 1990

	Prelim. Jul.'90	Revised Jun.'90	Revised Jul.'89	Change From: Jun. 1990	Change From: Jul. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	271.4	271.2	252.9	0.2	18.5
GOODS PRODUCING	24.3	24.5	23.5	-0.2	0.8
Mining	2.1	2.1	1.8	0.0	0.3
Coal Mining	1.2	1.2	0.9	0.0	0.3
Oil & Gas Extraction	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Construction	2.0	2.0	1.8	0.0	0.2
General Building Contractors	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Heavy Construction	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.1
Special Trade Contractors	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.0	0.1
Manufacturing	20.2	20.4	19.9	-0.2	0.3
Durable Goods	7.8	7.9	8.1	-0.1	-0.3
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	2.4	2.4	2.4	0.0	0.0
Primary Metals Industries	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Fabricated Metal Products	0.7	0.8	0.9	-0.1	-0.2
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.0	-0.1
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0
Transportation Equipment	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
Other Durable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	12.4	12.5	11.8	-0.1	0.6
Food & Kindred Products	1.2	1.2	0.9	0.0	0.3
Textile Mill Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	3.4	3.4	3.5	0.0	-0.1
Paper & Allied Products	0.3	0.4	0.5	-0.1	-0.2
Printing & Publishing	1.9	1.9	1.6	0.0	0.3
Chemical & Allied Products	3.2	3.2	2.8	0.0	0.4
Other Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.9	0.0	-0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	247.1	246.7	229.4	0.4	17.7
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.0	8.1	7.9	-0.1	0.1
Trucking & Warehousing	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.0	0.2
Other Transportation	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.0	0.1
Communications	3.5	3.6	3.9	-0.1	-0.4
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	2.5	2.5	2.3	0.0	0.2
Trade	66.5	66.1	59.9	0.4	6.6
Wholesale Trade	5.6	5.5	5.3	0.1	0.3
Retail Trade	60.9	60.6	54.6	0.3	6.3
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.0	0.2
General Merchandise Stores	10.1	10.1	10.0	0.0	0.1
Food Stores	11.3	11.2	10.0	0.1	1.3
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	3.4	3.3	3.0	0.1	0.4
Apparel & Accessory Stores	5.5	5.4	4.1	0.1	1.4
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0
Eating & Drinking Places	20.2	20.2	17.8	0.0	2.4
Miscellaneous Retail	7.9	7.9	7.4	0.0	0.5
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	15.4	15.3	15.1	0.1	0.3
Finance	10.6	10.5	9.7	0.1	0.9
Insurance	3.1	3.1	3.5	0.0	-0.4
Real Estate	1.7	1.7	1.9	0.0	-0.2
Services	92.3	92.3	86.2	0.0	6.1
Agricultural Services	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.1	0.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	4.7	4.8	4.0	-0.1	0.7
Personal Services	3.5	3.4	3.1	0.1	0.4
Business Services	6.4	6.3	5.9	0.1	0.5
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	3.2	3.2	2.9	0.0	0.3
Health Services	45.3	45.3	43.0	0.0	2.3
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	8.8	8.6	7.0	0.2	1.8
Hospitals	23.0	23.1	22.3	-0.1	0.7
Other Health Services	13.5	13.6	13.7	-0.1	-0.2
Legal Services	3.1	3.0	2.9	0.1	0.2
Educational Services	2.2	2.6	2.1	-0.4	0.1
Social Services	6.1	6.1	5.4	0.0	0.7
Membership Organizations	12.0	11.8	11.3	0.2	0.7
Engineering & Management Services	2.8	2.9	2.9	-0.1	-0.1
Government	64.9	64.9	60.3	0.0	4.6
Federal	7.7	8.5	7.3	-0.8	0.4
Hospitals	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0
U S Postal Service	1.3	1.3	1.4	0.0	-0.1
Other Federal	4.8	5.6	4.3	-0.8	0.5
State	19.5	15.9	18.5	3.6	1.0
Hospitals	2.0	2.0	2.1	0.0	-0.1
Education	6.5	6.5	4.8	0.0	1.7
Other State	11.0	7.4	11.6	3.6	-0.6
Local	37.7	40.5	34.5	-2.8	3.2
Hospitals	4.1	4.1	3.9	0.0	0.2
Education	26.1	29.3	23.6	-3.2	2.5
Other Local	7.5	7.1	7.0	0.4	0.5
Total Private Sector	206.5	206.3	192.6	0.2	13.9

County Emphasis

July 1990



Pendleton County continued to lead the other counties with the state's lowest unemployment rate at 2.3 percent, while Monongalia maintained its second place standing at 2.8 percent. Several counties such as Hardy (3.2), Jefferson (3.2), Mineral (3.2), Kanawha (3.9), Ohio (4.0), Hancock (4.1), Monroe (4.4), and Cabell (4.6) reflected robust economies with low unemployment rates.

Webster County maintained the highest unemployment rate (14.7), while McDowell (13.3), Richie (11.1), Clay and Pleasants (10.5), and Randolph and Wirt (10.2) also experienced double digit unemployment rates. Roane County saw the largest drop in its unemployment rate (-2.8). Other counties showing improvement in their respective unemployment rates were Braxton and Clay (-1.7), and Wyoming (-.9).

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

*(WV Series Labor Force Data -- as calculated by the WV Division of Employment Security)**

July 1990
(Revised June 1990 in parentheses)

THESE LABOR FORCE STATISTICS WERE DESIGNED TO BE USED FOR ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

County	Civilian Labor Force		Employment		Unemployment		Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force	
Barbour	4,330	(4,360)	3,920	(3,950)	410	(410)	9.5	(9.4)
Berkeley	26,740	(27,160)	25,370	(25,810)	1,380	(1,350)	5.1	(5.0)
Boone	8,040	(8,070)	7,510	(7,510)	530	(560)	6.6	(7.0)
Braxton	5,550	(5,530)	5,160	(5,050)	390	(480)	7.0	(8.7)
Brooke	10,460	(10,610)	9,930	(10,080)	530	(540)	5.1	(5.1)
Cabell	42,380	(42,270)	40,430	(40,410)	1,950	(1,860)	4.6	(4.4)
Calhoun	2,980	(3,000)	2,700	(2,700)	280	(300)	9.5	(9.9)
Clay	2,860	(2,760)	2,560	(2,430)	300	(340)	10.5	(12.2)
Doddridge	2,440	(2,320)	2,230	(2,210)	210	(110)	8.7	(4.6)
Fayette	16,780	(16,820)	15,620	(15,540)	1,160	(1,280)	6.9	(7.6)
Gilmer	2,860	(2,720)	2,710	(2,570)	140	(150)	5.0	(5.6)
Grant	4,090	(4,130)	3,850	(3,880)	240	(240)	5.9	(5.9)
Greenbrier	14,950	(14,950)	13,950	(13,980)	1,000	(970)	6.7	(6.5)
Hampshire	6,780	(6,830)	6,220	(6,330)	560	(510)	8.2	(7.4)
Hancock	13,860	(14,130)	13,300	(13,500)	570	(630)	4.1	(4.5)
Hardy	5,720	(5,690)	5,530	(5,520)	190	(180)	3.2	(3.1)
Harrison	29,040	(28,880)	27,290	(27,130)	1,760	(1,750)	6.0	(6.1)
Jackson	8,840	(8,880)	8,240	(8,250)	590	(630)	6.7	(7.1)
Jefferson	19,190	(19,440)	18,570	(18,750)	620	(690)	3.2	(3.6)
Kanawha	96,520	(96,680)	92,710	(92,480)	3,810	(4,200)	3.9	(4.3)
Lewis	7,090	(6,970)	6,570	(6,490)	520	(480)	7.4	(6.9)
Lincoln	7,540	(7,390)	6,840	(6,680)	700	(710)	9.3	(9.6)
Logan	13,210	(13,030)	12,070	(11,870)	1,140	(1,150)	8.6	(8.9)
McDowell	6,710	(6,650)	5,820	(5,800)	890	(850)	13.3	(12.8)
Marion	21,110	(21,300)	19,880	(19,940)	1,230	(1,350)	5.8	(6.4)
Marshall	14,300	(14,770)	13,530	(13,880)	770	(890)	5.4	(6.0)
Mason	8,710	(8,470)	8,050	(7,890)	660	(580)	7.6	(6.8)
Mercer	25,570	(25,680)	24,170	(24,260)	1,400	(1,420)	5.5	(5.5)
Mineral	10,300	(10,240)	9,970	(9,880)	330	(360)	3.2	(3.6)
Mingo	10,740	(10,520)	9,900	(9,690)	840	(830)	7.8	(7.9)
Monongalia	37,230	(37,550)	36,180	(36,620)	1,040	(930)	2.8	(2.5)
Monroe	5,140	(5,140)	4,920	(4,930)	230	(220)	4.4	(4.2)
Morgan	5,030	(5,110)	4,750	(4,880)	290	(230)	5.7	(4.4)
Nicholas	8,780	(8,700)	7,910	(7,800)	870	(890)	9.9	(10.3)
Ohio	23,870	(24,480)	22,930	(23,520)	950	(970)	4.0	(3.9)
Pendleton	4,060	(4,080)	3,970	(3,980)	90	(100)	2.3	(2.3)
Pleasants	2,380	(2,320)	2,130	(2,110)	250	(210)	10.5	(9.0)
Pocahontas	4,520	(4,390)	4,120	(4,050)	390	(330)	8.7	(7.6)
Preston	11,910	(12,040)	11,270	(11,410)	640	(630)	5.3	(5.2)
Putnam	16,380	(16,460)	15,550	(15,510)	820	(950)	5.0	(5.8)
Raleigh	27,200	(27,110)	25,500	(25,340)	1,700	(1,780)	6.3	(6.5)
Randolph	11,680	(11,550)	10,490	(10,390)	1,200	(1,170)	10.2	(10.1)
Ritchie	5,250	(5,200)	4,670	(4,690)	580	(510)	11.1	(9.9)
Roane	4,670	(4,740)	4,240	(4,160)	440	(580)	9.4	(12.2)
Summers	4,280	(4,300)	4,040	(4,010)	240	(300)	5.7	(6.9)
Taylor	5,780	(5,670)	5,350	(5,320)	430	(350)	7.5	(6.2)
Tucker	4,120	(3,960)	3,780	(3,690)	340	(270)	8.3	(6.9)
Tyler	4,610	(4,610)	4,310	(4,290)	300	(320)	6.6	(6.8)
Upshur	7,840	(8,010)	7,190	(7,340)	650	(670)	8.3	(8.3)
Wayne	15,410	(15,320)	14,500	(14,500)	900	(820)	5.9	(5.3)
Webster	3,040	(2,960)	2,600	(2,560)	450	(400)	14.7	(13.6)
Wetzel	9,040	(9,040)	8,420	(8,390)	620	(650)	6.9	(7.2)
Wirt	2,610	(2,570)	2,340	(2,320)	270	(250)	10.2	(9.8)
Wood	41,030	(40,590)	38,880	(38,610)	2,150	(1,970)	5.2	(4.9)
Wyoming	7,090	(6,980)	6,400	(6,240)	690	(740)	9.7	(10.6)

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*The West Virginia Division of Employment Security and the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics use different methodologies in calculating the unemployment rate.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

*(BLS Series Labor Force Data – Using U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Methodology)**

July 1990
(Revised June 1990 in parentheses)

APPROVED BY THE U. S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS TO ALLOCATE FEDERAL FUNDS AND DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

County	Civilian Labor Force		Employment		Unemployment		Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force	
Barbour	4,720	(4,720)	4,170	(4,210)	550	(510)	11.7	(10.7)
Berkeley	28,850	(29,180)	27,000	(27,510)	1,850	(1,670)	6.4	(5.7)
Boone	8,700	(8,700)	7,990	(8,000)	710	(700)	8.2	(8.0)
Braxton	6,010	(5,980)	5,490	(5,390)	520	(590)	8.7	(9.9)
Brooke	11,280	(11,400)	10,570	(10,740)	720	(660)	6.4	(5.8)
Cabell	45,650	(45,370)	43,030	(43,070)	2,620	(2,300)	5.7	(5.1)
Calhoun	3,250	(3,250)	2,870	(2,880)	380	(370)	11.6	(11.3)
Clay	3,130	(3,000)	2,720	(2,590)	400	(420)	12.9	(13.9)
Doddridge	2,660	(2,490)	2,370	(2,360)	290	(130)	10.8	(5.3)
Fayette	18,190	(18,140)	16,630	(16,560)	1,560	(1,590)	8.6	(8.7)
Gilmer	3,080	(2,930)	2,890	(2,740)	190	(190)	6.2	(6.5)
Grant	4,420	(4,440)	4,100	(4,140)	320	(300)	7.3	(6.8)
Greenbrier	16,190	(16,090)	14,850	(14,900)	1,340	(1,190)	8.3	(7.4)
Hampshire	7,370	(7,370)	6,620	(6,740)	750	(630)	10.2	(8.5)
Hancock	14,910	(15,160)	14,150	(14,380)	760	(780)	5.1	(5.1)
Hardy	6,140	(6,100)	5,890	(5,880)	250	(220)	4.0	(3.6)
Harrison	31,400	(31,080)	29,050	(28,910)	2,360	(2,170)	7.5	(7.0)
Jackson	9,570	(9,570)	8,770	(8,790)	800	(780)	8.3	(8.1)
Jefferson	20,600	(20,830)	19,770	(19,980)	830	(860)	4.0	(4.1)
Kanawha	103,800	(103,760)	98,690	(98,560)	5,110	(5,200)	4.9	(5.0)
Lewis	7,700	(7,510)	6,990	(6,920)	700	(590)	9.1	(7.9)
Lincoln	8,220	(8,000)	7,280	(7,120)	940	(880)	11.4	(11.0)
Logan	14,380	(14,080)	12,850	(12,650)	1,530	(1,430)	10.6	(10.1)
McDowell	7,390	(7,230)	6,190	(6,180)	1,200	(1,050)	16.2	(14.6)
Marion	22,810	(22,930)	21,160	(21,250)	1,650	(1,670)	7.2	(7.3)
Marshall	15,440	(15,890)	14,400	(14,790)	1,040	(1,100)	6.7	(6.9)
Mason	9,460	(9,130)	8,570	(8,410)	890	(720)	9.4	(7.9)
Mercer	27,610	(27,610)	25,720	(25,860)	1,880	(1,760)	6.8	(6.4)
Mineral	11,050	(10,980)	10,620	(10,530)	440	(450)	4.0	(4.1)
Mingo	11,670	(11,350)	10,530	(10,330)	1,130	(1,030)	9.7	(9.0)
Monongalia	39,910	(40,180)	38,510	(39,030)	1,400	(1,150)	3.5	(2.9)
Monroe	5,540	(5,520)	5,230	(5,250)	300	(270)	5.5	(4.8)
Morgan	5,340	(5,480)	5,050	(5,200)	380	(280)	7.1	(5.1)
Nicholas	9,590	(9,420)	8,420	(8,320)	1,170	(1,100)	12.1	(11.7)
Ohio	25,680	(26,260)	24,400	(25,060)	1,270	(1,190)	5.0	(4.5)
Pendleton	4,350	(4,360)	4,230	(4,250)	130	(120)	2.9	(2.7)
Pleasants	2,610	(2,510)	2,270	(2,250)	340	(260)	12.9	(10.4)
Pocahontas	4,920	(4,730)	4,390	(4,320)	530	(410)	10.8	(8.7)
Preston	12,850	(12,940)	12,000	(12,160)	860	(780)	6.7	(6.0)
Putnam	17,660	(17,700)	16,560	(16,530)	1,110	(1,170)	6.3	(6.6)
Raleigh	29,420	(29,200)	27,140	(27,000)	2,280	(2,200)	7.8	(7.5)
Randolph	12,770	(12,510)	11,160	(11,070)	1,610	(1,440)	12.6	(11.5)
Ritchie	5,750	(5,630)	4,970	(5,000)	780	(640)	13.6	(11.3)
Roane	5,100	(5,150)	4,510	(4,440)	590	(720)	11.5	(13.9)
Summers	4,630	(4,630)	4,300	(4,270)	330	(370)	7.0	(7.9)
Taylor	6,270	(6,100)	5,690	(5,670)	580	(440)	9.2	(7.1)
Tucker	4,480	(4,270)	4,030	(3,930)	460	(340)	10.2	(7.9)
Tyler	4,990	(4,960)	4,580	(4,570)	410	(390)	8.2	(7.8)
Upshur	8,530	(8,650)	7,650	(7,830)	880	(830)	10.3	(9.5)
Wayne	16,650	(16,460)	15,440	(15,450)	1,210	(1,010)	7.3	(6.1)
Webster	3,360	(3,220)	2,760	(2,730)	600	(500)	17.9	(15.4)
Wetzel	9,800	(9,750)	8,960	(8,940)	840	(810)	8.5	(8.3)
Wirt	2,850	(2,780)	2,490	(2,470)	360	(310)	12.5	(11.1)
Wood	44,270	(43,590)	41,380	(41,150)	2,890	(2,440)	6.5	(5.6)
Wyoming	7,740	(7,570)	6,820	(6,650)	920	(920)	11.9	(12.1)

All data have been revised to March 1989 benchmark.

*Calculated according to Current Population Survey adjusted to BLS procedures.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by Local Area

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands – Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Jul.'90	Revised Jun.'90	Revised Jul.'89
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	112.9	113.1	109.9
Unemployment	4.6	5.2	5.0
Rate (%)	4.1	4.6	4.5
Employment	108.3	108.0	104.9
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	125.1	124.6	123.1
Unemployment	5.6	5.1	5.4
Rate (%)	4.5	4.1	4.4
Employment	119.4	119.6	117.7
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	69.9	69.3	68.5
Unemployment	3.1	2.9	2.8
Rate (%)	4.5	4.2	4.0
Employment	66.8	66.4	65.7
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	68.0	70.0	68.7
Unemployment	2.5	2.7	2.8
Rate (%)	3.7	3.9	4.1
Employment	65.5	67.2	65.8
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	37.3	36.9	36.9
Unemployment	2.4	2.2	2.5
Rate (%)	6.4	6.0	6.9
Employment	34.9	34.7	34.4
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	11.8	11.7	13.8
Unemployment	1.3	1.3	2.7
Rate (%)	11.1	11.1	19.7
Employment	10.5	10.4	11.1
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	49.1	49.6	48.7
Unemployment	1.7	1.6	1.9
Rate (%)	3.4	3.1	3.8
Employment	47.5	48.0	46.9
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	13.6	13.6	13.7
Unemployment	0.9	1.0	0.9
Rate (%)	6.8	7.1	6.3
Employment	12.7	12.7	12.8
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	20.1	20.1	20.5
Unemployment	1.2	1.2	1.1
Rate (%)	6.1	5.9	5.3
Employment	18.9	18.9	19.4

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands – Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Jul.'90	Revised Jun.'90	Revised Jul.'89
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	121.5	121.5	118.2
Unemployment	6.2	6.4	6.2
Rate (%)	5.1	5.2	5.2
Employment	115.2	115.1	112.0
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	132.7	132.3	132.4
Unemployment	8.1	8.0	7.9
Rate (%)	6.1	6.1	6.0
Employment	124.6	124.3	124.5
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	74.5	73.6	73.5
Unemployment	4.4	4.2	3.8
Rate (%)	5.9	5.8	5.2
Employment	70.1	69.3	69.7
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	72.2	74.1	73.7
Unemployment	3.6	4.0	4.0
Rate (%)	5.0	5.4	5.4
Employment	68.6	70.1	69.8
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	40.3	39.7	39.9
Unemployment	3.2	2.7	3.2
Rate (%)	8.0	6.9	7.9
Employment	37.1	36.9	36.7
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	13.0	12.6	15.2
Unemployment	1.8	1.6	3.4
Rate (%)	13.6	12.7	22.2
Employment	11.2	11.0	11.8
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	52.8	53.1	52.4
Unemployment	2.3	1.9	2.3
Rate (%)	4.3	3.6	4.4
Employment	50.5	51.2	50.1
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	14.8	14.7	14.8
Unemployment	1.2	1.2	1.1
Rate (%)	8.4	8.2	7.3
Employment	13.5	13.5	13.7
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	21.7	21.6	22.1
Unemployment	1.6	1.5	1.4
Rate (%)	7.6	6.7	6.1
Employment	20.1	20.2	20.8

Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Kanawha and Putnam, West Virginia)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased during July 1990 (+800) in the Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area. Nearly all of this increase was registered in the service-producing sector (+700), primarily in total government (+600). All other major industries remained relatively unchanged. Comparison with year-ago July 1989 data reveals a significant increase of 4,900 jobs. In the goods-producing sector, construction advanced by 1,200. However, the increase in mining (+900) resulted from the settlement of a labor-management dispute. Both services (+1,100) and retail trade (+700) increased over the year in the service-producing sector.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Total unemployment declined sharply during July 1990 (-600) in the Charleston MSA. The MSA unemployment also fell from 4.6 percent to 4.1 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparison with year-ago data reveals a 400 decrease in total unemployment, while the corresponding unemployment rate declined from 5.0.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Jul.'90	Revised Jun.'90	Revised Jul.'89
Labor Force	112.9	113.1	109.9
Unemployment	4.6	5.2	5.0
Rate (%)	4.1	4.6	4.5
Employment	108.3	108.0	104.9

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Jul.'90	Revised Jun.'90	Revised Jul.'89
Labor Force	121.5	121.5	118.2
Unemployment	6.2	6.4	6.2
Rate (%)	5.1	5.2	5.2
Employment	115.2	115.1	112.0

NONAGRICULTURAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Jul.'90	Revised Jun.'90	Revised Jul.'89	Change From: Jun. 1990	Change From: Jul. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	113.8	113.0	108.9	0.8	4.9
GOODS PRODUCING	18.4	18.3	16.0	0.1	2.4
Mining	2.0	2.0	1.1	0.0	0.9
Construction	5.3	5.2	4.1	0.1	1.2
Manufacturing	11.1	11.1	10.8	0.0	0.3
Durable Goods	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	9.5	9.5	9.2	0.0	0.3
Chemical & Allied Products	8.0	8.0	7.9	0.0	0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.5	1.3	0.0	0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	95.4	94.7	92.9	0.7	2.5
Transportation & Public Utilities	9.2	9.2	9.0	0.0	0.2
Trade	30.0	30.0	29.2	0.0	0.8
Wholesale Trade	7.4	7.4	7.3	0.0	0.1
Retail Trade	22.6	22.6	21.9	0.0	0.7
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	6.2	6.2	6.2	0.0	0.0
Services	28.8	28.7	27.7	0.1	1.1
Health Services	10.9	10.8	10.6	0.1	0.3
Government	21.2	20.6	20.8	0.6	0.4
Federal	2.0	2.1	1.8	-0.1	0.2
State	10.6	9.7	10.7	0.9	-0.1
Local	8.6	8.8	8.3	-0.2	0.3
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.1	0.1	0.9	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Jul.'90	Revised Jun.'90	Revised Jul.'89	Prelim. Jul.'90	Revised Jun.'90	Revised Jul.'89	Prelim. Jul.'90	Revised Jun.'90	Revised Jul.'89
Manufacturing	$606.98	$584.75	$573.08	44.5	43.9	43.2	$13.64	$13.32	$13.38
Nondurable Goods	636.00	612.04	607.33	44.6	44.0	43.5	14.26	13.91	14.29
Chemical & Allied Products	714.38	696.08	672.54	45.1	45.2	43.7	15.84	15.40	15.39

Huntington-Ashland-Ironton Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Cabell and Wayne, West Virginia;
Boyd, Carter and Greenup, Kentucky; Lawrence, Ohio)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment declined slightly (-400) during July 1990 in the Huntington-Ashland-Ironton MSA. The goods-producing sector declined by 100, primarily due to a decrease in construction (-200). In the service-producing industries (-300) total government fell by 400. Comparison with year-ago total nonagricultural data indicates an increase of 2,000. Total mining rose 500 over the year, although much of this increase reflected the return to work of persons affected by a labor-management dispute. Both retail trade (+700) and services (+400) advanced over the year.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Total unemployment increased by 500 during July 1990. The MSA unemployment rate rose to 4.5 percent of the civilian labor force. The current rate is slightly higher than the year-ago figure of 4.4 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Jul.'90	Revised Jun.'90	Revised Jul.'89
Labor Force	125.1	124.6	123.1
Unemployment	5.6	5.1	5.4
Rate (%)	4.5	4.1	4.4
Employment	119.4	119.6	117.7

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Jul.'90	Revised Jun.'90	Revised Jul.'89
Labor Force	132.7	132.3	132.4
Unemployment	8.1	8.0	7.9
Rate (%)	6.1	6.1	6.0
Employment	124.6	124.3	124.5

NONAGRICULTURAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Jul.'90	Revised Jun.'90	Revised Jul.'89	Change From: Jun. 1990	Change From: Jul. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	110.9	111.3	108.9	-0.4	2.0
GOODS PRODUCING	27.8	27.9	27.1	-0.1	0.7
Mining	1.6	1.6	1.1	0.0	0.5
Construction	5.5	5.7	5.5	-0.2	0.0
Manufacturing	20.7	20.6	20.5	0.1	0.2
Durable Goods	12.1	12.1	12.0	0.0	0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.7	1.6	1.6	0.1	0.1
Primary Metals Industries	7.7	7.8	7.7	-0.1	0.0
Other Durable Goods	2.7	2.7	2.7	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	8.6	8.5	8.5	0.1	0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.5	1.5	1.7	0.0	-0.2
Chemical & Allied Products	4.7	4.6	4.5	0.1	0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	2.4	2.4	2.3	0.0	0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	83.1	83.4	81.8	-0.3	1.3
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.1	8.1	8.2	0.0	-0.1
Trade	28.0	28.0	27.4	0.0	0.6
Wholesale Trade	5.4	5.4	5.5	0.0	-0.1
Retail Trade	22.6	22.6	21.9	0.0	0.7
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.9	3.9	3.9	0.0	0.0
Services	24.7	24.6	24.3	0.1	0.4
Health Services	10.2	10.2	10.1	0.0	0.1
Government	18.4	18.8	18.0	-0.4	0.4
Federal	3.0	3.3	2.8	-0.3	0.2
State	4.5	4.2	4.5	0.3	0.0
Local	10.9	11.3	10.7	-0.4	0.2
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.4	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Jul.'90	Revised Jun.'90	Revised Jul.'89	Prelim. Jul.'90	Revised Jun.'90	Revised Jul.'89	Prelim. Jul.'90	Revised Jun.'90	Revised Jul.'89
Manufacturing	$349.86	$353.79	$311.63	40.7	40.9	39.6	$13.51	$13.54	$12.93
Durable Goods	393.40	393.87	351.02	41.9	41.3	39.9	14.21	14.13	13.81
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	483.89	536.74	448.01	37.7	43.7	40.3	13.83	13.57	11.07
Primary Metals Industries	560.45	540.36	516.85	42.8	41.3	39.9	15.94	15.91	15.46
Nondurable Goods	481.97	508.99	454.73	38.9	40.3	39.3	12.39	13.63	11.68

Parkersburg-Marietta Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Wood, West Virginia; Washington, Ohio)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: The Parkersburg-Marietta MSA registered a decline of 100 in total nonagricultural wage and salary employment during July 1990. Goods-producing employment dropped 200 with losses recorded in construction (-100) and manufacturing (-100). By contrast, service-producing employment gained 100 with an advance in government (+200) offset by a loss in services (-100). Comparison with July 1989 data reveals a gain of 800 in total nonagricultural wage and salary employment. Service-producing employment provided the majority of this increase (+1,000). The goods-producing sector suffered a net loss (-200) in employment with manufacturing sustaining a decline of 400. Construction registered a slight increase of 200.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Total unemployment for the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA increased 200 during July 1990. The area unemployment rate also increased to 4.5 percent of the civilian labor force.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Jul.'90	Revised Jun.'90	Revised Jul.'89
Labor Force	69.9	69.3	68.5
Unemployment	3.1	2.9	2.8
Rate (%)	4.5	4.2	4.0
Employment	66.8	66.4	65.7

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Jul.'90	Revised Jun.'90	Revised Jul.'89
Labor Force	74.5	73.6	73.5
Unemployment	4.4	4.2	3.8
Rate (%)	5.9	5.8	5.2
Employment	70.1	69.3	69.7

NONAGRICULTURAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Jul.'90	Revised Jun.'90	Revised Jul.'89	Change From: Jun. 1990	Change From: Jul. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	62.7	62.8	61.9	-0.1	0.8
GOODS PRODUCING	18.1	18.3	18.3	-0.2	-0.2
Mining	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Construction	3.4	3.5	3.2	-0.1	0.2
Manufacturing	14.2	14.3	14.6	-0.1	-0.4
Durable Goods	7.0	7.1	7.2	-0.1	-0.2
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.9	1.0	1.0	-0.1	-0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.0	0.0
Primary Metals Industries	2.8	2.8	2.9	0.0	-0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	7.2	7.2	7.4	0.0	-0.2
Chemical & Allied Products	5.4	5.4	5.6	0.0	-0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.0	0.0
SERVICE PRODUCING	44.6	44.5	43.6	0.1	1.0
Transportation & Public Utilities	2.6	2.6	2.6	0.0	0.0
Trade	15.5	15.5	15.2	0.0	0.3
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	3.0	0.0	-0.1
Retail Trade	12.6	12.6	12.2	0.0	0.4
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	2.3	2.3	2.2	0.0	0.1
Services	14.4	14.5	14.3	-0.1	0.1
Health Services	4.6	4.6	4.4	0.0	0.2
Government	9.8	9.6	9.3	0.2	0.5
Federal	1.9	1.9	1.8	0.0	0.1
State	1.2	1.0	1.2	0.2	0.0
Local	6.7	6.7	6.3	0.0	0.4
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Jul.'90	Revised Jun.'90	Revised Jul.'89	Prelim. Jul.'90	Revised Jun.'90	Revised Jul.'89	Prelim. Jul.'90	Revised Jun.'90	Revised Jul.'89
Manufacturing	$562.43	$562.44	$566.13	41.0	43.0	41.6	$13.23	$13.08	$13.08
Durable Goods	469.91	504.38	454.31	38.9	42.6	39.3	12.08	11.84	11.56
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	625.59	586.37	566.84	45.3	46.9	42.8	13.81	12.46	12.73
Primary Metals Industries	621.82	530.04	450.48	33.8	42.0	37.2	12.68	12.62	12.11
Nondurable Goods	629.15	630.60	649.00	43.6	43.4	44.3	14.43	14.53	14.65

Wheeling-Bridgeport Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Marshall and Ohio, West Virginia; Belmont, Ohio)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased 300 over the month. The increase may be attributed to wholesale trade (+100) and state (+100) and local (+200) government. A drop in federal employment may be affected by the decrease in census workers. The change in total nonagricultural employment from July 1989 reflects an increase of 3,200. A large percentage of this increase is due to the settlement of a labor-management dispute in the mining industry. The retail industry experienced the most growth in employment at 500, while local government grew by 300. Both manufacturing and finance, insurance, and real estate experienced increases of 200.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Both unemployment and employment experienced over-the-month decreases in their totals of 200 and 1,700, respectively. It becomes apparent that unemployment decreased proportionally more than employment resulting in a lower unemployment rate of 2.5 percent. The same phenomenon is reflected by the decrease in the unemployment rate from July 1989.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Jul.'90	Revised Jun.'90	Revised Jul.'89
Labor Force	68.0	70.0	68.7
Unemployment	2.5	2.7	2.8
Rate (%)	3.7	3.9	4.1
Employment	65.5	67.2	65.8

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Jul.'90	Revised Jun.'90	Revised Jul.'89
Labor Force	72.2	74.1	73.7
Unemployment	3.6	4.0	4.0
Rate (%)	5.0	5.4	5.4
Employment	68.6	70.1	69.8

NONAGRICULTURAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Jul.'90	Revised Jun.'90	Revised Jul.'89	Change From: Jun. 1990	Change From: Jul. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	62.6	62.3	59.4	0.3	3.2
GOODS PRODUCING	12.4	12.4	10.4	0.0	2.0
Mining	2.5	2.5	0.8	0.0	1.7
Construction	2.3	2.3	2.2	0.0	0.1
Manufacturing	7.6	7.6	7.4	0.0	0.2
Durable Goods	3.2	3.2	3.1	0.0	0.1
Nondurable Goods	4.4	4.4	4.3	0.0	0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	50.2	49.9	49.0	0.3	1.2
Transportation & Public Utilities	3.5	3.5	3.5	0.0	0.0
Trade	17.1	17.0	16.6	0.1	0.5
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.8	2.9	0.1	0.0
Retail Trade	14.2	14.2	13.7	0.0	0.5
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.1	3.1	2.9	0.0	0.2
Services	16.7	16.7	16.6	0.0	0.1
Health Services	7.8	7.8	7.8	0.0	0.0
Government	9.8	9.6	9.4	0.2	0.4
Federal	0.8	0.9	0.7	-0.1	0.1
State	1.7	1.6	1.7	0.1	0.0
Local	7.3	7.1	7.0	0.2	0.3
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	1.5	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

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	Prelim. Jul.'90	Revised Jun.'90	Revised Jul.'89	Prelim. Jul.'90	Revised Jun.'90	Revised Jul.'89	Prelim. Jul.'90	Revised Jun.'90	Revised Jul.'89
Manufacturing	$552.27	$573.59	$556.91	41.0	43.3	41.1	$13.47	$13.36	$13.55
Nondurable Goods	505.35	510.88	543.37	40.6	41.5	43.5	14.91	14.72	14.79
Durable Goods	498.14	530.99	457.69	41.4	43.1	38.3	11.96	12.32	11.95

Applicants and Nonagricultural Job Openings in West Virginia Job Service Offices

Occupational Category	Applicants Available Program Year to Date 2/	Active File	NONAGRICULTURAL JOB OPENINGS Received Program Year to Date 2/	UNFILLED Total	UNFILLED 30 Days or More	FILLED Total	Applicant/ Openings Program Year to Date	Active File/ Unfilled Openings End of Month
TOTAL 3/	67,126	50,960	12,207	4,001	1,888	10,360	5.5	12.7
Professional, Technical & Managerial	6,338	5,157	129	188	95	43	49.1	27.4
Clerical & Sales	18,406	14,385	1,279	1,086	649	1,003	14.4	13.2
Services	8,248	6,286	741	676	315	379	11.1	9.3
Agricultural, Fishery & Forestry	467	368	10	7	4	13	46.7	52.6
Processing	3,834	2,930	58	66	48	73	66.1	44.4
Machine Trades	4,427	3,576	147	221	103	30	30.1	16.2
Benchwork	2,748	2,243	134	182	93	61	20.5	12.3
Structural Work	10,285	8,163	312	394	212	144	33.0	20.7
Miscellaneous	13,519	8,804	9,397	1,181	369	8,614	1.4	7.5
Transportation	2,850	2,295	94	141	84	61	30.3	16.3
Packaging & Materials Handling	9,215	5,286	9,259	988	243	8,499	1.0	5.4
Other 4/	1,454	1,223	44	52	42	54	33.0	23.5
Entry Total 5/	64	46	0	0	0	6/	xx	xx

1/ Source of Data: SAMS (State Employment Security Automated Management System); Table A96 containing fully registered applicants.
2/ Period Covered: July 1, 1990 through July 31, 1990. Program Year 1990 defined as July 1, 1990 through June 30, 1991.
3/ Total excludes invalid occupational data.
4/ Includes mining, logging, utilities, miscellaneous amusement and recreation, and graphic art work.
5/ Applicants for whom a complete occupational code cannot be assigned because of lack of training/experience.

Select Unemployment Compensation Claims Activities

State UI Program Activity	July 1990	June 1990	July 1989	Percent Change to July 1990 from: June 1990	July 1989
Total Initial Claims 1/	7,455	5,676	9,953	31.3	-25.1
Total Continued Weeks	65,131	58,270	68,309	11.8	-4.7
Total Benefits Paid	$7,397,275	$6,703,293	$7,208,824	10.4	2.6
Total Weeks Compensated	53,153	48,488	52,778	9.6	0.7
Average Weekly Payment	$139.17	$138.25	$136.59	0.7	1.9
Monthly Insured Unemployment Rate 2/	2.5	2.2	3.3	xx	xx
UC Fund Balance, End of Month	$157,105,013	$152,198,420	$143,315,563	3.2	9.6

1/ Excluding transitional claims.
2/ Seasonally unadjusted.

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